

**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Elliott et al.

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED 05/20/2004

**CASE:** 011115

**SERIAL NO.:** 09/857,325

**FILED ON:** 02/14/2002

**FOR:** Preparation and Xenotransplantation  
of Porcine Islets

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Commissioner for Patents

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**EXAMINER: LI, Q. JANICE**

**ART UNIT: 1632**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2004. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to allow Applicants a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action thereby allowing Applicants until 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 to respond, the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004 being a Saturday.

Applicants therefore authorize the Commissioner to debit Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545 in the sum of \$490, being the fee for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the instant Office Action.

Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants therefore authorize the Commissioner to debit Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545 in the sum of \$395, being the fee to file a Request for Continued Examination .

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of Factor & Lake Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

Please consider and enter the following amendments and new claims as indicated below.